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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thanks very much for your kind letter of April 29th. I appreciate the friendlier tone very much and I hope that, although we can still disagree about the theories on the assassinations, that we can communicate . Thanks again.

I will cettainly be sending you further reviews of your book as I see them. I enclose a copy of the NY Times story of today on Ray's attempted prison break for your files.

Is your Stanley Ross the same person as is/was the publisher of the Spanish language paper in New York, El Diario-La Prensa ? That's the only Stanley Ross that I can recall hearing about in recent years. I also recall something about a Cuban being put in a mental hospital in Queens some years back--I belive the sory appeared in the National Enquirer. I'll have to dig through a pile of clippings but I'm sure I can find it. Do you want a copy?

Getting to the photo I sent you--it was a picture of Charles Manson that appeared in the San Francisco Examiner and Chronicle on March 21st along with other pictures of Manson. Enclosed is the full set of photos they published. The similarity struck me that I wanted to get your opinion on it. I don't believe that Manson was the man in Dealy Plaza, just that the resemblence was a bit startling.

I never intended at all to ever libel you, Mr. Weisberg and I am sorry if that was what it appeared to be. The documentation about the Martin Dies incident appeared substantial and I thought your reaction to it was was a case of sour grapes. I chose to believe the documentation rather than you. If , the newspaper stories are in error as you say, then not only do I owe you a deep apology, but so does every one else that used this documentation. In all fairness to you, I must admit that your books do have much valid material and I found a great deal of interesting items in them in doing research on the assassination of President Kennedy. I don't agree with you on all things, though. My view is from the conservative side of the political fence, while yours appears to be liberal. Fundamental ideological reasons, therefore, divide us--we each interpret facts and situations differently, in the light of our political beliefs. I try to do so as honestly as I can.

I ran across two items recently that may interest you--one, a story that appeared in the Washington Times-Herald on September 21, 1947, mentioning you in connection with "Soviet agents." I only have the first part of the clipping, so I don't know what the rest of the story says. A reference to this appeared in the Congressional Record for 2/29/68 and I send you a copy of that also. I have no way of knowing if the allegation is true and would appreciate your reply. In addition, America's Future newsletter refers to the Dies incident without mentioning your name and I enclose a copy of that, too.

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By the way, have you already published the two parts on the autopsy that are listed among your books in the beginning of FRAME UP? Are they the same format as the WHITEWASH series and priced at $4.95? If so, I'd like to order copies and will send you my check as soon as I hear from you about availability and price.

Thanks again for writing. Let's keep in touch.

Best regards,

Henry P. Durkin